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ISOFLAVONE SYNTHASE**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004. A three month petition for Extension of Time up to and including September 10, 2004 is included herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.**Amendments to the Sequence Listing** begin on page 43 of this paper.**Remarks** begin on page 44 of this paper.**Appendix A** consisting of a Clustal alignment of the polypeptides of the invention is attached following page 49 of this paper.An amended **Sequence Listing** is attached following page 9 of Appendix A.